

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

JUNE PROGRAM

David Greenhut, N6HD, will share tales and pictures of his part in the 2013 DXpedition and humanitarian trip to T33A, Banaba Island

JUNE MEETING NOTICE:

**JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings DXers,

Here's hoping this finds everyone in good spirits and that you have a great summer planned ahead. I'm not sure where the time has gone, but here we are just past the Summer Solstice and time for the changing of the SDDXC Guard. I wish to thank all of you for the privilege of being Vice President and continued service as President. I'd also like to thank the outgoing President Dan Severance, N6ERD and board members: John Barcroft, K6AM – Bob Grimmick, N6OX – John Vissat, NA6L for their years of service. Let's welcome the new Vice President (program director), John Vissat, NA6L and board members: Ron Stockton, N0RR (filling NA6L's seat) and Miguel, KJ6YXI. Thanks also go to Ellen, N6UWW for staying on as Secretary/Treasurer & board member Ed, AI6O for his third year of service.

I hope that those of you that played in the All Asia DX CW contest still had fun even though the propagation is in a slump. It has been a long time since we've seen the SFI below 100. Looking at the 3830 claimed scores <http://www.3830scores.com/> it appears that the reported scores are about half of what they were in last year's contest. I'm wondering if anyone in the group played in the Stew Perry Summer Topband Challenge? I didn't see any reports on the 3830 site. This year's June VHF Contest actually did produce a little bit of DX and plenty of new grid squares to be had. There were openings into Canada and Alaska on 6 meters.

This month's meeting will be at The Sizzler and our presentation will be by David Greenhut, N6HD, the Los Angeles Section Manager. He will share tales and pictures of his part in the DXpedition (also a humanitarian trip) to T33A, Banaba Island in November of 2013. <http://www.t33a.com/> Please join us for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie!

Thanks to Bodo Fritsche, DF8DX, for his fine business presentation on his adventures last month! And for him to stay after the meeting to do QSL's cards for club members.

I sure hope that you were able to get your reservations made for Visalia next year. I've heard mixed reports on the system that was put in place to make the reservations. It appears that it worked just fine right at or just after the ten o'clock bell. Those that got in on the early part of that had it good, but it appears that, as usual, rooms sold out fast thus making the reservations page not so friendly.

It's been a year already since the passing of our dear friend Rick, N6ND. Take a moment and remember the good times!

With the passing of the Summer Solstice, the propagation has gone in the tank with the SFI falling below 100. Carl, K9LA, has a lot of good information for propagation forecasting. <http://k9la.us/> The ARRL also has plenty of information also. <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive/ARLD025/2014>

This weekend is the ARRL Field Day. Hopefully some of you will get out and have some fun with that. Here's a link to the leagues bulletin schedule: <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive/ARLD025/2014>

There has still been some DX on, check out the Leagues DX Bulletin here: <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive/ARLD025/2014> If you're wondering what's on the contest horizon check here <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php> And DXpeditions here: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

73 & 88's to the pretty ones!

73, Wild Bill, WB6BFG

Vice President Report John, NA6L

Summer greetings from your new SDDXC V.P., John NA6L.

As I attended the club meeting I got a mix of congratulations and condolences from many of my fellow members about my new position, they also mentioned that they had been “thru the board cycle a few times. Whew, I guess that one time was not enough for some of you – thanks for your efforts at keeping the club running smoothly AND your durability.

As the bands die down and the SFI slips into double digits, many of us may actually be relieved that we can devote less energy to the clusters, the spots, email and text DX alerts. Yes, we can go on to other bands, modes and collections of states (by band and mode) but the frenetic pace of high band DX may slowly be taking a 10 year hiatus.

At one point, though many months ago, there were 8 (eight) simultaneous DXpeditions running; It truly was new entity and band spot heaven – pure and wonderful chaos. BOTOH (but on the other hand) I am 200 band/spot cards behind, the shack is a mess, the antennas need a bit (a big bit) of work, I really would enjoy a bit of a break and not have the feeling that I may be missing something. Most of all, my understanding XYL could use some undivided attention (her office is in my shack or is my shack in her office?).

Anyhow, I do look forward to hearing from many of you “solar cycle veterans” about how to creatively use the next decade while we are in the SFI doldrums. I know, I know, join the SDDXC board and heck, devote some energy to the club, pay-back for mutual benefit is a good thing, right?

John, NA6L

Greetings DXers!

I hope all are having a great year DXing – I thank you for the last two years as your Vice President and President and I know the club is in good hands with our new president Wild Bill and VP John!

I am dealing with some antenna issues at the moment but it just reminds me that one can do DX with ANYTHING! My first antenna was a multi-band dipole in the backyard fed with ladder line to minimize losses from the high SWR. I have operated from an apartment in New Haven, CT using wire around the top of the walls inside the apartment making a large loop! Wasn't great for TV but did get me to EU (from here would at least get you to Japan/Oceania!). It wasn't great for my TV but I had an Over the Air Antenna and the TV was inside of the loop! Attic dipoles are common and can give surprising results.

My Elmer WA6L (sk) pointed out a strange antenna challenge which used to be run once a year where people tried to see what odd antennas they could contact people with. I remember one was a tree with two screws in it – no clue if they had tried multiple positions until they found the 50 ohm point! The classic is clamping to the rain gutter (or run a wire around the house below the gutters if they are plastic. The last antenna I used in Connecticut was the massive fire escape on the side of the apartment building – I clamped a wire to it into a balun and grounded the other side to a water pipe. I worked a number of countries on that but finally clamped a super-antenna MP-1 to it using it as a giant counterpoise. That worked great – compromise vertical but a great ground system led to many hour long run on 15M one day.

So you can have better antennas and always try to improve your antennas but you can do something no matter where you live. I once worked a guy with a dipole over the window in his apartment and in theory one could make a fixed direction beam with a dipole on either side of a room! There are few limits to what one can try. If you want to try your hand at simple antenna design the EZNEC demo program which will let you design simple antennas because it has a limit to 20 segments. This is enough to get an idea of how antenna modelling works. There are free programs available such as 4nec which has optimization routines and reads the classic .nec file format.

For those in CC&R locations temporary antennas can be erected such as and end fed zepp or simply a long wire into a tuner using tiny wire such as magnet wire – they are invisible but not very robust leading to the temporary designation. You will likely have to repair it repeatedly but it will get one on the air. In addition HRO sells “stealth wire” which I believe is small gauge copper coated steel wire giving it more strength. RF only flows on the outside of the wire so there is no need for the center to be copper.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary's Report

The May 28th meeting was conducted by Dan N6ERD at Sizzler on Aero Dr. Bodo DF8DX / HB9EHJ / KT3Q presented a program on the various antenna installations he has done throughout the world.

Old Business: (Paul WN6K commented "the room's FULL of old business!") Wayne NN6R reported that we've lost our vendor for hats/shirts. He offered refunds and asked for suggestions for a new source. Charlie NN3V relayed greetings from ARRL SW Division Vice-Director Marty N6VI and made a motion that the Club donate \$3000 (seconded by Gayle K6GO) for the People's Most Righteous Republic of Poway antenna ordinance legal fund which is still moving forward but is lacking in financial resources. A Point of Order was made as this motion is not a subject matter for a motion at the group meeting and will be discussed by the Board of Directors.

New Business: Nominations from the floor were requested (none made). On behalf of the nominating committee, John K6AM presented the Slate of Officers: President – Wild Bill WB6BFG, Vice President – John NA6L, Secretary/Treasurer – Ellen N6UWW, Board of Directors (to fill the position with two years remaining vacated by John NA6L) – Ron N0RR, Board of Directors (three year term) – Miguel KG6YXI (our most recent Rookie of the Year). The Slate was without contention and the new Board was acclaimed. Continuing on the Board (one year remaining of 3 year term) is Ed AI6O.

The top 10 for band countries was announced by John K6AM. He also reported that he's heading to New England for IARU HF World Championship 1200UTC 12 July – 1200UTC 13 July.

Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance 5/30/2014 \$5804.50

Additions - \$2000 check from the SCDXC from Visalia proceeds deposited 6/21/2014.

Debits - N6UWW reimbursed \$20 (check #584) for Statement of Information filing fee posted to www.sos.ca.gov site 5/7/14. (Every domestic nonprofit, credit union and consumer cooperative corporation must file a Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State, within 90 days after the filing of the initial Articles of Incorporation, and biennially* thereafter during the applicable filing period)

WB6BFG reimbursed \$19.16 (check #585) for May speaker's meal

Mark your calendars for the Summer Bash which will be held Sunday August 17th and hosted by SoCal DX Club.

Ellen, N6UWW

Editor's Ramblings

Thanks to John K6AM, Ernest, W4EG, Larry, N6HC, Jim, AA6JJ, Dennis N6KI, and Jim W6YA for providing inputs this month.

This is my 18th issue and I had hoped to QRT after it, but so far no volunteers are knocking on my door. Like I said a few months ago, I am unable to produce a July issue, but I think our new Prez, WB6BFG has a solution.

After seeing Bodo's (DF8DX) presentation last month, I have a new passion: raising \$7M to purchase one of the 20+ dB gain rotatable, 16-element HF arrays. I now spend most of my income on PowerBall, Super Lotto and Scratchers, trying to win big. Of course, \$7M is not nearly enough because you have to buy a remote super quiet property capable of accommodating a 71m tall array. Short of a benevolent benefactor, I think my parallel approach is "crowd funding" on the Internet. Please send all donations to my QRZ.com address.

As a new member of the Board of Directors, I plan to insert a member questionnaire in the August issue. I think this will help me get a "grass roots" perspective on charting the future direction for the SDDXC. If you have any questions you would like to include, please email them to me.

Ron, N0RR

The SDDXC Top Ten (Expanded Version)

By John, K6AM

TOTAL BAND COUNTRIES WORKED

6/14	6/13	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6AM		2658	2710	2736	+15
2.	2.	N7CW	376	2526	2526	2715	-
3.	4.	W6YI	358	2503	2550	2713	+90
4.	3.	K6XT	356	2543	2589	2663	-
5.	5.	N6CW	374	?	2300	2629	+23
6.	6.	W6YA	348	?	?	2389	-
7.	7.	K0XB	342	2210	2243	2325	+53
8.	9.	K6ZH	335	2022	2074	2213	+103
9.	8.	W6YOO	306	2107	2144	2144	-
10.	10.	WN6K	332	1733	1768	2096	+180

6/14	6/13	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
11.	12.	WB6BFG	323	1668	1679	1855	+207
12.	11.	AD6ZJ	319	1694	1716	1820	+88
13.	14.	NA6L	318	1555	1556	1772	+249
14.	13.	NN6K	226	1513	1539	1539	-
15.	15.	N6VS	299	1431	1449	1533	+88
16.	17.	N6XT	295	1114	1114	1442	+187
17.	16.	W6CN	?	1206	1228	1314	-
18.	-.	AK6ZZ	232	707	707	1071	NEW
19.	18.	K5OA	227	874	894	1049	+35
20.	19.	K9RHY	201	962	975	975	-

Some nice big jumps again this time in the TBC category, the granddaddy of DX'ing. Again this year, John, NA6L makes the biggest jump with 249 new ones, while K6ZH, WB6BFG, N6XT and WN6K all jump in excess of 100. In doing so, Paul qualifies for the 2000 level of the DXCC Challenge. N6VS also blows past the 1500 level with his 88 new ones. Now all you guys need are the QSL's

There's plenty of room to make a decent gain in this category by getting on those bands where your totals are still low. Things should remain hot as we crest the top of the cycle. For the TBC list, we are showing the first 20 places to accommodate the large number of entries in this category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and digital followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

SDDXC RESULTS—2013 CQ WORLDWIDE PHONE DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SO - HP	ZD8O (N5ZO)	10,277,280	6,056	585	# 1 ZONE 36 # 2 AF. # 8 WORLD
SO - HP	K6NA	3,066,992	2,070	536	# 3 ZONE 3 # 3 W6
SO HP 10M	ZF2AH (W6VNR)	1,175,070	3,698	138	# 1 NA. # 1 ZONE 8 # 7 WORLD
SA HP 10M	W6YI	791,752	1,541	184	# 1 ZONE 3 # 1 W6 # 4 NA
SA - LP	N6JOJ	110,143			# 1 W6 # 6 ZONE 3
SO - LP	NN3V	267,344	264	187	# 2 W6, # 12 ZONE 3
SO LP 10M	WN6K	133,540	438	110	# 2 W6, # 3 ZONE 3
SO LP 10M	AD6ZJ	9,282	66	51	



How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

Sorry DXers, must have been a slow month for DX. Only one input received.

QSLs Received Recently

Station	Date	Time	Band	By
7Q7GIA	5-Jun	0413	30	W6YA
9J2MM	7-Jun	1352	20 SSB	W6YA
S01WS	6-Jun	0409	20 SSB	W6YA
XW1YC	21-May	1512	17/20/30	W6YA
XW3DT	20-Jun	1514	17 CW	W6YA
ZA/ON4ANN	7-Jun	0427	20 SSB	W6YA
ZA/ON6NB	11-Jun	1452	15/17/20	W6YA

Station	Via
5J0X	N7QT
HP1RN	IZ8CLM
RI1ANC	RN1ON
RI1ANR	RK1PWA
TO7CC	F1NGP
V73DL	DJ2EH
VK9MT	MOURX
XW8BM	JA8BMK
YB0BNX	Direct

Ernest, W4EG Reports—

I received my **5 band WAS** with **endorsement for 30,17 and 12 meter** numbered **3,192**.
Plus **8 band WAS JT-65** dated 13 June 2014.

Those that may be seeking WAS JT-65, that is the highest award combination: Since, the 160 and 6 meter are separate wards. In other words, they do not add those 2 bands as endorsement.

This award were accomplished in the last 2 years after moving from Thousand Oaks, CA.
I worked everyone from Fallbrook in 26 months; after putting up a Hy-Gain 18HT vertical and a Carolina Windom antenna, running an average 30-40 Watts.

My DXCC Mixed records stands as follow 177 confirmed and 202 worked,
My Digital record is 84 confirmed and 126 worked all confirmed via LoTW.
I do not pay for QSL cards. if they do not confirm via LoTW I reckoned I will never receive their cards.

Finally, my life and work had me moving many times: I finally settled in Fallbrook.

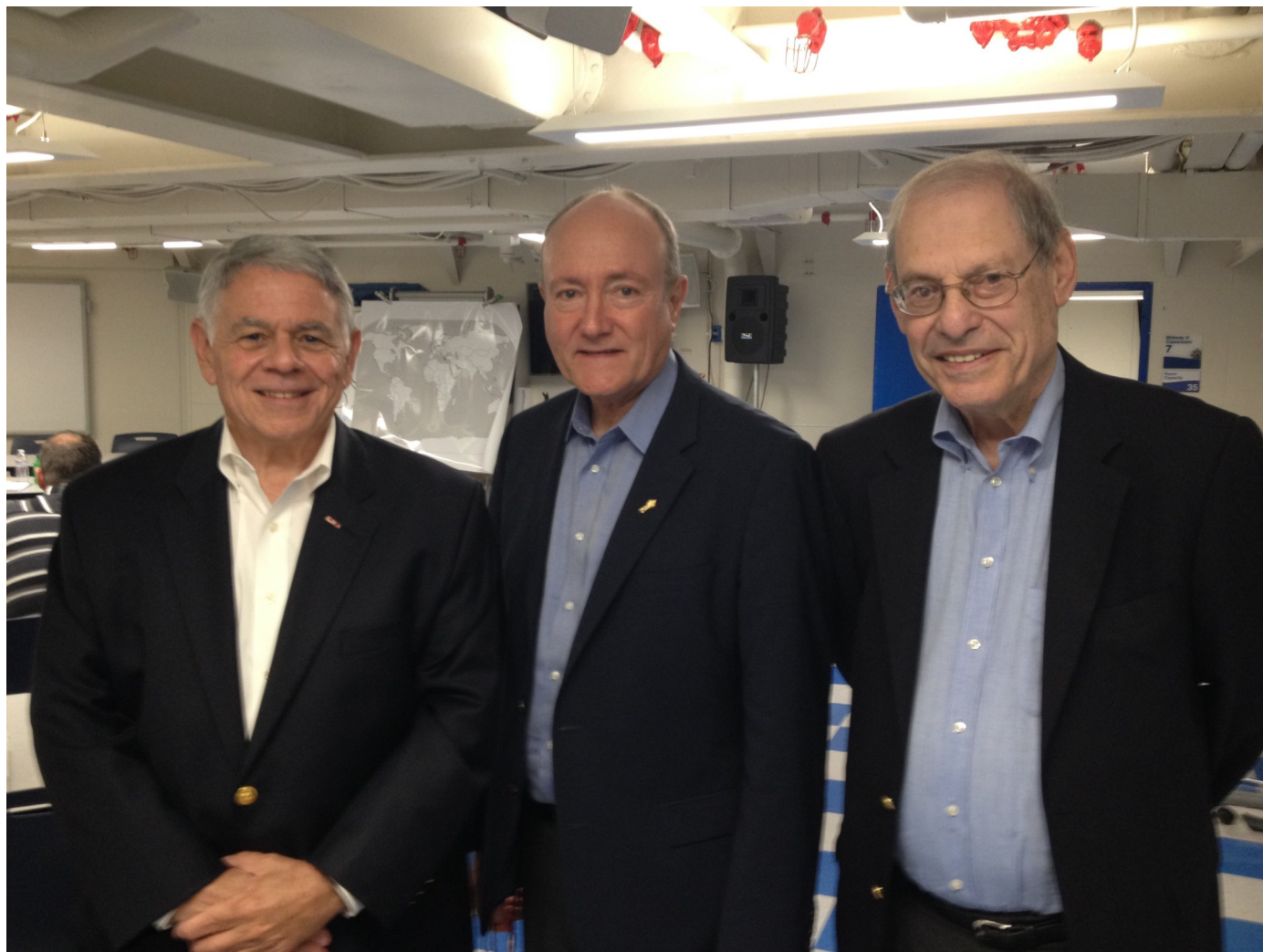
Been a ham for more than 54 years and have held many different area call sign; including KP4DAT for 3 1/2 years and /HI8 for 6 months. I will bring a copy or the awards to the meeting Wednesday.

Lost all QSL cards during my many moves; that's why I had to start all over, plus the fact that I did not keep a log either to be able to reconstruct.

Larry, N6HC Reports—

A little off topic for SDDXC Newsletter, but here's what I did THURS and FRI- lecture at the USS Midway Teachers Institute on the Cambodia episode of the VN War and the NILO program, with my two colleagues Presidential Historian Robert Dallek (far right), Professor Larry Berman (center- author of Perfect Spy and ADM Elmo Zumwalt's biography), and N6NC (left- NILO Ha Tien)

Google Dallek. He has dinner with Pres. Obama twice a year with the other famous Presidential Historians.



More 13 CQWW SSB Contest results -

JA1YPA, Multi-Multi, 8,814,840 points with ops WB6BFG and N6UWW

That netted us #3 JA, (#1 JA1 call area) #4 Asia and #30 World (see attached cert)

(Note: Certificate was secured, so I could not convert format to import it, Ed.)



Congratulations to
Dennis and the NX6T
Gang



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Glenn Rattmann lined up a tower removal at Jim, AA6JJ, QTH Always a sad day to be removing a beautiful tower like Jim had at his place. Glenn, Marko (N5ZO), Terry (N6CW) and I were on hand to help get that project done. Here are some pictures of that operation. As you can see, the tower was quite large and took a very

